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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SWAZI REACTION TO ETHIOPIAN EXECUTIONS

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1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF HOST GOVERNMENT VIEW ON CURRENT ETHIOPIAN SITUATION.

2. WHILE GOS HAS OFFERED NO PUBLIC COMMENT ON EVENTS IN ETHIOPIA, SENIOR GOS OFFICIALS ARE PRIVATELY SHOCKED AND DISMAYED BY EXECUTIONS AND BY PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT'S DEPOSING AND INCARCERATING FORMER EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE. PMG ACTION RUNS COUNTER TO SWAZI TRADITION OF GREAT VENERATION FOR AGE AND AUTHORITY. ADDING TO GOS UNEASINESS IS FACT THAT SOME SWAZIS ARE DRAWING PARALLEL BETWEEN SITUATION IN ETHOPIA AND THAT IN SWAZILAND WHERE THERE IS AN AGING RULER, A NEWLY CREATED ARMY, AND SUBCURRENTS OF DISSATISFACTION WITH THE STATUS QUO.

3. DESPITE THE ABOVE, EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT SEE SWAZILAND GETTING OUT IN FRONT ON ISSUE BY MAKING DEMARCHE OR INTERCEDING WITH ETHIOPIAN PMG RE EXECUTIONS OR ON BEHALF
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OF EMPEROR. AT MOST, SWAZILAND WOULD PROBABLY GO ALONG WITH OAU

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DEMARCHE IF SUCH WERE TO MATERIALIZE.
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